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Group Art Unit: 3738  
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 2, 2003. Amendments will be presented on the pages that follow.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims and begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.36(a), Applicant kindly requests a two month extension of time. Enclosed is a check for \$210.00 to cover said extension.

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